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The October All Farm Products index for Minnesota was down 2 points from September.

The Crops index for October was down 4 points from September. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for October averaged \$5.40 per bushel, a decrease of 35 cents from the September price. Corn decreased 7 cents from September to an October price of \$1.64 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index was unchanged from last month. The all hog price for October was \$48.50 per cwt., a decrease of \$1.50 from the September price. The all beef cattle price for October was \$79.00, an increase of \$2.20 from the September price.

The Dairy Products index was up 1 point from last month. The all milk price for October at \$15.80 per cwt., was up 10 cents from September

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Oct 2005 1/	-----Minnesota-----		
		Oct 2004 2/	Sep 2005 2/	Oct 2005 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.43	1.86	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	17.00	26.40	18.80	17.40
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	1.74	2.13	1.71	1.64
Hay, All, Baled, ton	97.70	62.00	61.00	60.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	106.00	75.00	68.00	74.00
Other, Baled, ton	76.50	49.00	46.00	47.00
Oats, bu	1.46	1.33	1.46	1.48
Potatoes, cwt	5.62	5.65	9.25	8.95
Soybeans, bu	5.44	5.90	5.75	5.40
Sunflowers, All, cwt	12.20	17.40	16.90	3/
Wheat, All, bu	3.54	3.17	3.50	3.64
Calves, cwt	132.00	121.00	136.00	139.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	90.80	74.90	76.80	79.00
Cows, cwt, 6/	47.70	52.30	51.80	49.50
Steers & Heifers, cwt	96.00	79.80	81.90	85.00
Milk Cows, head 7/	1,870.00	1,460.00	--	1,770.00
Hogs, All, cwt	48.80	55.20	50.00	48.50
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	49.10	55.30	50.10	48.50
Sows, cwt	41.80	43.10	39.90	42.50
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	88.80	99.10	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	37.10	41.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	15.40	15.90	15.70	15.80
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.31	0.28	0.48	0.28

1/ Preliminary 2/ Entire month data 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms 4/ Price not set at the US level 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

MINNESOTA INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1977=100)

Commodities	U.S.* Oct 2005 1/	-----Minnesota-----		
		Oct 2004 2/	Sep 2005 2/	Oct 2005 1/
All Farm Products	110	141	135	133
Crops	101	115	106	102
Meat Animals	122	173	163	163
Dairy Products	118	180	178	179
Poultry & Eggs	125	116	141	136

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

* U.S. based on 1990-92=100 reference replaces 1977 = 100 beginning Jan. 1995.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100) *

Item	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005
Prices Received	116	114	117	110
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	135	136	142	143
Parity Ratio 1/	86	84	82	77

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.



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RECORD HIGH YIELD FORECASTED FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS

CORN for grain production is forecast at 1.16 billion bushels, up 7 percent from the October 1 forecast, and up 4 percent from the record production of 2004. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is forecast at 171 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from the record yield set in 2004. If realized, both yield and production would be record highs.

SOYBEAN production for Minnesota is forecast at 299 million bushels, up 5 percent from the October forecast and up 29 percent from 2004. Based on conditions as of November 1, the yield is forecast at a record yield of 44.0 bushels per acre which is up 2 bushels from October and up 11 bushels from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.33 million tons, up 3 percent from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 20.1 tons per acre, up 0.6 ton from October 1 but down 0.8 ton per acre from 2004.

FALL POTATO production is forecast at 17.4 million hundredweight, down 8 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 415 hundredweight, down 15 hundredweight from the record high yield in 2004.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 7 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 148.4 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from October but 12.0 bushels below last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record, behind last year. Of the major producing States, forecast yields are higher than last month in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin as producers realized larger than expected yields and late planted fields matured under favorable fall conditions. Yield prospects are still below last year in all major corn States, except Minnesota and Wisconsin where producers are experiencing record high yields.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 3.04 billion bushels, up 3 percent from October but 3 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest U.S. soybean crop on record, only behind last year's crop. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 42.7 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from October and 0.5 bushel above last year. Producers in the Corn Belt, the southern Delta, and most of the Southeast are realizing higher yields than expected last month, with record high yields forecast in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Louisiana. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 71.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from 2004.

SUGARBEET production for 2005 is forecast at 27.3 million tons, 2 percent above the October forecast but 9 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 22.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from October but 0.9 ton below 2004. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, fractionally below last month and 5 percent below last year.

Production of **FALL POTATOES** in 2005 is forecast at 382 million cwt, down 7 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 951,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July forecast but 7 percent below last year. The average yield is forecast at a record high 402 cwt per acre, 1 cwt above the previous high set last year.

This is the last production forecast of the season for these commodities. Final acreage and production figures will be released on January 12, 2006 based on data collected from the end-of-year survey.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2004 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2005 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2004 YIELD	2005 YIELD	2004 PRODUCTION (000)	2005 PRODUCTION (000)
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MINNESOTA

CORN (Bu)	7,050	6,800	159.0	171.0	1,120,950	1,162,800
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,050	6,800	33.0	44.0	232,650	299,200
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	470	464	20.9	20.1	9,823	9,326
FALL POTATOES (Cwt)	44	42	430	415	18,920	17,430

UNITED STATES

CORN (Bu)	73,632	74,333	160.4	148.4	11,807,217	11,032,105
SOYBEANS (Bu)	73,958	71,270	42.2	42.7	3,123,686	3,043,116
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,307	1,239	22.9	22.0	29,956	27,254
FALL POTATOES (Cwt)	1,022	952	401	402	410,253	382,212

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is conducting objective yield surveys in 10 corn producing States during 2005. Randomly selected plots in corn for grain fields are visited monthly from August through harvest to obtain specific counts and measurements. Data in these tables are rounded actual field counts from this survey.

**Corn for Grain: Plant Population per Acre,
Selected States, 2001-2005**

State	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	<u>Number of plants</u>				
Iowa	26,450	26,700	27,250	27,850	28,000
Minnesota	28,000	26,800	28,800	29,250	28,400
Nebraska	22,750	23,350	23,700	24,050	23,700
Wisconsin	27,000	26,650	27,100	27,550	27,050

**Corn for Grain: Percentage Distribution by Measured Row Width and Average
Row Width, Selected States, 2005**

State	Number of Samples	Row Width (inches)						Average Row Width
		20.5 & less	20.6 - 30.5	30.6 - 34.5	34.6 - 36.5	36.6 - 38.5	38.6 & Greater	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>						<u>Inches</u>
Iowa	286	1.4	72.7	10.5	4.9	8.4	2.1	31.1
Minnesota	176	2.3	82.4	10.2	4.0	1.1		28.7
Nebraska	250	1.6	54.8	17.2	20.0	6.4		31.8
Wisconsin	86		56.9	32.6	2.3	7.0	1.2	31.1

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**Soybeans: Pods with Beans per 18 Square Feet
Selected States, 2001-2005**

State	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	<u>Number of pods</u>				
Iowa	1,787	1,867	1,647	1,737	1,968
Minnesota	1,475	1,739	1,440	1,446	1,640
Nebraska	2,003	1,587	1,636	1,895	1,920

**Soybeans: Percentage Distribution by Measured Row Width
and Average Width, Selected States, 2005**

State	Number of Samples	Row Width (inches)					Average Row Width 1/
		10.0 & Less	10.1- 18.5	18.6- 28.5	28.6- 34.5	34.6 & Greater	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>					<u>Inches</u>
Iowa	217	10.1	33.0	7.6	46.1	3.2	22.6
Minnesota	98	14.8	27.5	19.4	38.3	0.0	21.2
Nebraska	104	4.8	36.1	4.3	41.8	13.0	24.3

1/ Broadcast soybeans included as "10.0 inches and less" but excluded in computation of average width.

SEPTEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP 5% IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 246 million eggs during September 2005 versus 234 million in September 2004, an increase of 5 percent. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.38 billion eggs in September, a slight increase from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - SEPTEMBER

		2004	2005
Total Eggs Produced	MN	234 Mil.	246 Mil.
	U.S.	7,344 Mil.	7,379 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.6 Mil.	11.1 Mil.
	U.S.	344.1 Mil.	342.4 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,200	2,208
	U.S.	2,134	2,155
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (September)			
Egg-Type	MN	0.8 Mil.	1.1 Mil.
	U.S.	36.6 Mil.	33.8 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	769.9 Mil.	769.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (October 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	6.8 Mil.	7.4 Mil.
	U.S.	33.5 Mil.	31.8 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	21.7 Mil.	20.6 Mil.
	U.S.	617.6 Mil.	631.7 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (September)	WNC*	8.2 Mil.	9.2 Mil.
	U.S.	21.3 Mil.	22.7 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (October 1)			
	WNC*	10.5 Mil.	10.8 Mil.
	U.S.	26.7 Mil.	26.7 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota.)

OCTOBER MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 662 million pounds, the state's October milk production was up 1 percent from October 2004.

Output per cow was 1,470 pounds in October, up 45 pounds from last October. Milk cows for October averaged 450,000 head, the same as September, but 10,000 below a year ago.

October 2005 milk output in the 23 major states was 13.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from October 2004. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.16 million head, up 58,000 from the previous year. At 1,636 pounds, production per cow was 53 pounds greater than October 2004.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Sep	Oct	Sep	Oct
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,080	3,151	103	102
Idaho	868	884	113	113
Minnesota	646	662	102	101
New York	983	1,008	106	105
	842	865	106	105
Wisconsin	1,868	1,899	105	104
23 States	13,005	13,353	105	104

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